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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: OVIP (MONDALE, WALTER F.)  
SUBJ: VICE PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE VISIT TO WESTERN WALL

1. AS AUTHORIZED, ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE WITH GOI AND JERUSALEM MUNICIPALITY FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT, MRS MONDALE AND DAUGHTER TO MAKE A PRIVATE VISIT TO THE WESTERN WALL IN THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 30. AT THE INVITATION OF THE VICE PRESIDENT, MAYOR KOLLEK ACCOMPANIED HIM. CONSUL GENERAL AND MRS NEWLIN WERE ALSO PRESENT. OTHER THAN SECURITY PERSONNEL, NO OTHER US OR ISRAELI OFFICIALS PARTICIPATED.

2. MOTORCADE DEPARTED HOTEL AT 5:00 PM. IN FIRST CAR WERE VICE PRESIDENT, MAYOR KOLLEK AND CONSUL GENERAL. IN SECOND CAR WERE MRS AND MS MONDALE, MRS KOLLEK AND MRS NEWLIN. MOTORCADE PROCEEDED FROM HOTEL, PAST RAILROAD STATION, YEMEN  
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MOSHE THROUGH JAFFA GATE TO JEWISH QUARTER AND THE WESTERN WALL. ON ARRIVAL, PARTY WAS GREETED BY RABBI GETZ, CURATOR OF THE WALL. MAYOR KOLLEK HAD ARRANGED SPECIAL PERMISSION TO HAVE THE LADIES ACCOMPANY THE VICE PRESIDENT TO THE WALL. MEDIA WAS WAITING.

3. AT THE WALL, PRAYERS WERE SAID BY RABBI GETZ AND RABBI

BERNARD RASKAS FROM ST PAUL, MINNESOTA. THE VICE PRESIDENT THEN PRAYED ALONE AT THE WALL BRIEFLY, INSERTED A SMALL WRITTEN PRAYER IN A CREVICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH TRADITION, AND THEN WAS JOINED BRIEFLY BY MRS AND MS MONDALE.

4. PARTY THEN WENT INTO ADJACENT WILSON'S ARCH AREA FOR EXPLANATIONS BY MAYOR KOLLEK.

5. BOTH ON ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE, THERE WERE SMALL GROUPS OF YOUNG DEMONSTRATORS (MAYOR KOLLEK THOUGHT THEY MIGHT BE AMERICANS) WHO SHOUTED SLOGANS IN ENGLISH "ISRAEL IS NOT FOR SALE," "REMEMBER VIET-NAM," ETC. ON OPPOSITE SIDE WERE FRIENDLY GROUPS AND THE VICE PRESIDENT STOPPED TO SHAKE HANDS ALMOST CREATING STAMPEDE.

6. AT CONCLUSION OF VISIT, MAYOR KOLLEK INDICATED HE THOUGHT "PRIVATE VISIT" ARRANGEMENT HAD OVERCOME POTENTIALLY SERIOUS POLITICAL PROBLEM.  
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